

ABSTRACT

A printer control and information management system is provided employing numerous individual satellite modules, and providing an enterprise-wide output system capable of receiving all types of input and redirecting of all types of output. Data can be inputted from any location in an enterprise system and coordinated into a coherent format for reporting and forms processing. Forms can be automatically generated based on the data inputted, which forms can be directed to the appropriate personnel. The system provides for notifications to the appropriate personnel in order to resolve problems which may arise from the operation of the various equipment utilized in the enterprise network system. Information can be redirected to anyone within the system, the user identifying the manner and format of the information to be presented. Thus, inbound reports can be received from different systems and outputs delivered in the format that is preferred by the user. Report recognition is provided for any application, with the ability to merge textual information with electronic forms. Additionally, the forms can be completed with bar code information to prevent inadvertent disclosure of sensitive information. Large and contiguous host generated reports can be electronically distributed to users, as well as the ability to automatically fax any type of report directly to any recipient. The system can be accessed via the Internet for ease of inputting and reviewing information at any location.